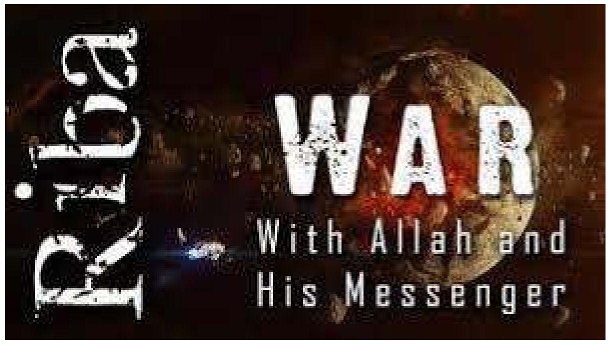


RIBA

(INTEREST BASE LOAN / USURY / MORTGAGE)

Prophets companions and the classical scholars of first three generation have no dispute that Riba (Interest Base Loan, Mortgage, Usury) the greatest evil sin and haram in Islam.

Ibn Al Mundhir (رحيم الله) said:

They are unanimously agreed that if the lender stipulates that the borrower must pay extra or give a gift, and he gives the loan on this basis, this is Riba.

Narrated by Ubayy Ibn Ka'b, Ibn 'Abbas & Ibn Mas'ud (رضي الله عنه) that,

They forbade loans that lead to any kind of benefit (extra payment, gifts, etc.).
(Al Mughni, Vol 6, Page 436)

The Muslim, whether he is rich or poor, is not allowed to take a loan at 5% or 15 % or more or less, because that is Riba and is a major sin.

Narrated by Abu Saeed Al Khudri (رضي الله عنه) that,

Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"Gold is to be paid for by gold, silver by silver, wheat by wheat, barley by barley, dates by dates, salt by salt, like by like, payment being made hand to hand. He who made an addition to it, or asked for an addition, in fact dealt in usury. The receiver and the giver equally guilty.
(Saheeh Muslim, Book of Transactions, Hadith No. 3854)

If anybody continue dealing with Riba (interest base loan / Mortgage) after knowledge reached the person about its evil consequences than Allah will put him in Hell-Fire forever, never ever come out from it.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

"...Allah has permitted trading and forbidden Riba. So, whosoever receives an admonition from his Lord and stops eating Riba, shall not be punished for the past; his case is for Allah (to judge); but whoever returns (to Riba), such are the dwellers of the Fire — they will abide therein.
(Surah Al Baqarah 2:275)

Ibn Katheer (رحيم الله) commenting on the above ayah that, whoever hears that Allah has forbidden Riba should stop as soon as this ruling reaches him, but he can keep whatever he had received before.
(Tafseer Ibn Katheer)

Allah warns that whoever deal with Riba (interest base loan, mortgage) after knowing its consequences, then he is not a believer (Not a Muslim anymore)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

O you who have believed, fear Allah and give up what remains [due to you] of interest, if you should be believers.
(Surah Al Baqarah 2:278)

Allah declared war against those so-called Muslim who continue deal with Riba (interest base loan).

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

And if you do not, then be informed of a war [against you] from Allah and His Messenger.
(Surah Al Baqarah 2:279)

If Allah the creator of the world declared war against someone who continue to deal with Riba will ever have any blessings in this world or happiness, rather punishment after punishment will continue to come upon him & will be cursed.

Riba is so evil act that only be compare to sleeping with the person own mother for thirty-six times.

Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"A dirham which a man consumes as Riba knowingly is worse before Allah than thirty-six acts of Zina."
(Musnad Imam Ahmad & At Tabarani)

Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

"There are seventy-two types of Riba, the least of which is like a man committing incest with his mother."
(At Tabarani in Al Awsat)

Riba is also mentioned in Hadith and is considered one of the seven great destructive sins.

Narrated by Abu Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) that,

Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) said:

“Avoid the seven great destructive sins. The people inquired, “O Allah’s Messenger! What are they?” He said, “

(1) To join others in worship along with Allah,

(2) to practice sorcery,

(3) to kill a person which Allah has forbidden except for a just cause (according to Islamic Law),

(4) to eat up Riba,

(5) to eat up an orphan’s wealth,

(6) to show one’s back to the enemy and fleeing from the battlefield at the time of fighting, and

(7) to accuse chaste women, who never even think of anything touching their chastity and are true believers.”
(Sahih Bukhari, Hadith No. 2766)

Undoubtedly dealing with banks that deal with Riba & depositing money in it is not permissible, because that is helping them in sin and transgression.

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

“Help you one another in Al Birr and At Taqwa (virtue, righteousness and piety); but do not help one another in sin and transgression”
(Surah Al Ma’idah 5:2)

Beware of those five years or twenty months interest free, etc. contract which are forbidden. Because that is a contract that involved agreeing to pay interest if the time past and loan not paid off. Even signing such a contract is evil, playing with Allah's command.

Narrated by Jabir (رضي الله عنه) that,

“Allah’s Messenger (صلى الله عليه و سلم) cursed the one who consumes Riba, the one who pays it, the one who writes it down and the two who witness it. He said they are all the same.”
(Saheeh Muslim 1598)

After learning the above knowledge, one should flee from and keep far away from it by all possible means. And start increase giving charity

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

Allah destroys interest and gives increase for charities. And Allah does not like every sinning disbeliever.
(Surah Al Baqarah 2:276)

Samura Bin Jundub (رضي الله عنه) that,

The Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) related a dream:

“There is a river of blood and a man was in it, and another man was standing at its bank with stones in front of him, facing the man standing in the river. Whenever the man in the river wanted to come out, the other one threw a stone in his mouth and caused him to retreat back into his original position. The Prophet was told that these people in this river of blood were people who dealt in Riba (usury).”
(Saheeh Bukhari, Chapter 34, Hadith No. 298)

Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) said,

O you who have believed, do not consume usury, doubled and multiplied, but fear Allah that you may be successful.
(Surah Aal Imraan 3:130)

Ibn Taymiyyah (رحيم الله) said:

A man may live for a long time without praying or giving zakāh, or fasting, and not caring how he acquires his wealth, whether it is from halal or haram sources, and not following the guidelines on marriage and divorce, and so on, so he is living in a state of ignorance, apart from the fact that he claims to be a Muslim. When Allah guides him and has mercy upon him by enabling him to repent, if he were obliged to make up all that he had missed of obligatory duties, and if he were to be ordered to return everything that he had acquired of wealth, and to give up everything that he loves, and so on, repentance would become a punishment for him, and in that case disbelief would be dearer to him than Islam, which he has identified with, because repentance from disbelief would be a mercy but repentance when he is already a Muslim would be a punishment. I know some righteous people who wished that they had been disbelievers so that they could become Muslims and be forgiven for all their previous misdeeds, because repentance for them was impossible or too difficult, according to what they had been told about repentance and what they believed about it. Moreover, this deters most of those who commit evil deeds from repenting, and it is more like causing the people to despair of the mercy of Allah, and placing a heavy burden on those who repent, who are the loved ones of Allah, for Allah loves those who repent and He loves those who purify themselves, and Allah rejoices over the repentance of His slave more than the one who finds his property in which is his means of survival after having despaired of ever finding it again.
(Majmo Al Fatāwā, Vol 22, Page 21)